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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

RIMPTA Academy Classroom, CCRI, Lincoln

August 26, 2021

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Mello called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) a 9:03 a.m. on **August 26, 2021**.

Chief Mello took a roll call. The following POST members were present at the meeting: Chief Mello, Colonel Michael Winquist, and Maria Deaton. Absent is Shawn Brown and Colonel Hugh Clements. Also present were Lieutenant Christopher Zarrella, Donna Lavalley; Stephen Lombardi, , Ryan Holt; Adam Sholes, Mark Freeborn, Chief Scott Raynes, Chief Anthony Roberson, Lt. Joel Thomas and Michael Harris. We do have a quorum.

2. Discussion/Approval of minutes:

Chief Mello asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the POST meeting of May 20, 2021. Chief Winquist made a motion to accept the minutes; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

3. Review of Lateral applications

Chief Scott Raynes explained that he has two packets, Scott Frodyma, recently retired from Tiverton and A.J. Bucci from Portsmouth PD. Currently both serve as reserves with their departments. He is not looking for them to be full time officers with Little Compton PD, just to fill shifts when needed. Therefore, he is asked for a waiver of the psychological exams, given they are still actively employed. They both have 20+ years of service and not separated from employment. Chief Winquist stated that he believes they still need to be psyched under the Lateral policy. Lieutenant Zarrella asked if they are still going to work for the other agencies and Chief Raynes responded yes. They are already working for both departments and just adding Little Compton. Chief Mello asked the members if this is a true lateral then? There was some discussion on reserve officers and that they don't have the level of training that the POST recognizes. But this was never really addressed and it doesn't seem like a clear lateral transfer. Lieutenant Zarrella added that they are really not transferring and Colonel Winquist agreed that this is not a lateral. Chief Raynes added that the town is a member of the Trust and he has had numerous discussions with Paul Dutra. The policy doesn't require a psychological. Chief Mello agreed that the POST policy is not clear and may not be a POST decision, perhaps a decision made by the Town and Town Council.

Maria Deaton made a motion to table the decision until they can get some clarification; Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carries 3-0.

Chief Roberson presented his Lateral, Michael Akinrola, who is coming from North Smithfield PD to Central Falls PD. Chief Mello stated that all paperwork is in order and all requirements have been met for a lateral transfer. Colonel Winquist made a motion to approve this lateral application; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

Officer Michael Harris stated that they are presenting two lateral applications. Officer Brittany Crabtree from Brown University to Warwick PD and Officer Nicholas Manocchio from Johnston PD to Warwick PD. Chief Mello stated all required paperwork is in order. Colonel Winquist made a motion to approve Officer Crabtree's Lateral application, Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries. Colonel Winquist made a motion to approve Officer Manocchio's Lateral application; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

Chief Mello recused himself and Colonel Winquist took over the Board. He stated that Jamestown PD has filed an application for a Lateral for Robert Winsor, who is going from Pawtucket PD to Jamestown PD. All requirements have been met except the medicals and psychological testing, which have been scheduled. Maria Deaton made a motion to accept the Lateral application contingent upon successful results from the medical and psychological testing; Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 2-0, motion carries.

4. 3-year Re-certification of Academy Instructors

Chief Mello stated that we underwent an Academy Instructor Certification in July, 2018, with a re-certification date of 3 years across the board. They will be up for re-certification across the board again in three years (July, 2024) Lieutenant Zarrella presented the Instructors up for Re-Certification and approves all of them. Maria Deaton made a motion to approve all listed Academy Instructors for re-certification; Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

5. Review and Consideration of the "Duty to Intervene" curriculum

Lieutenant Zarrella stated that in combination of the 2020 Promise and effectively continuing to improve training, the curriculum was created. This is part of the Use of Force training. Colonel Winquist made a motion to accept the "Duty to Intervene" curriculum as part of the Academy training and Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

6. Request for Approval of Firearms Qualification Courses

- Airport Police
- Bristol PD
- Brown University
- Burrillville PD
- Central Falls Detention Facility
- Coventry PD
- Cumberland PD
- East Greenwich PD
- Middletown PD
- Narragansett PD (2019 & 2020)
- Portsmouth PD
- Rhode Island Capitol Police
- Tiverton PD

- Sheriffs Department
- University of Rhode Island PD
- Woonsocket PD

Lieutenant Zarrella stated that all meet the state requirements, except for Portsmouth PD which will be tabled as Captain Gould is waiting for more documentation, and he is recommending approval of all with the exception of Portsmouth PD.

Colonel Winquist made a motion to approve all listed above with the exception of Portsmouth PD Firearms courses; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion passes.

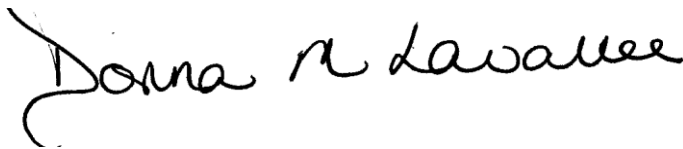
7. Update and Discussion on Class 2021I-I

Lt. Zarrella stated that this current class is in Week 5 and moving ahead. He stated some modifications have been made to the day to day operations which de- intensified the training, given the heat and prevalence of injuries in the past. He stated it has definitely proved beneficial as there have been no recruits transported to the hospital.

8. Adjournment

Colonel Winquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 am; Maria Deaton seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M Lavalley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna M. Lavalley
Administrative Assistant